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August 1, 2019

A Message from Potomac Edison ...

Planned Power Outage

"This message is from Potomac Edison. On Monday August 5, 2019, there will be a planned power outage to upgrade facilities. The outage will affect customers in the vicinity of Conlon Ct, Hartz Pond Ct, and Tom Fox Ct. Residents in these areas will experience a service interruption from approximately 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM. In the event of inclement weather, the planned outage will be rescheduled for Tuesday August 6, 2019. If you have any questions, please call 800-686-0011. Potomac Edison thanks you for your patience and understanding while we perform this work to improve your electric service reliability."

Montgomery County Recognized with Five 2019 Technology Solutions Awards and Again Stands Out Nationally for Being 'Tech Savvy'

Montgomery County has been recognized with five 2019 Technology Solutions Awards from the Public Technology Institute (PTI). Three County programs developed by the Department of Technology Services (DTS) were named "Winners" in their respective award categories and two programs were presented with awards of "Significant Achievement."

Montgomery was the only county in Maryland to be honored as a "Tech Savvy" jurisdiction. Only one other county in the U.S. received that distinction in 2019. This is the fourth consecutive year that Montgomery has earned the Tech Savvy recognition.

Over the past two years, Montgomery County has been awarded a total of 11 Technology Solutions Awards (six Winners and five Significant Achievements). PTI, which was established in 1971, works with a core network of leading local officials to identify research opportunities and recognize member achievements.



Montgomery County Agricultural Fair August 9 – 17

Farm Animals! Great Food! Carnival Rides! Vendors!
Visit <http://mcagfair.com/general-information/> for more information.



Upcoming Business Connect Opportunities

Montgomery County *Business Connect Upcounty* is pleased to host the following classes and counseling opportunities for area businesses. *Business Connect* is a program of Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich designed to make business services available in the community. In addition to classes and one-on-one business counseling, the Montgomery County Small Business Navigator is on-site at the Upcounty Regional Services Center to help businesses in the region connect to County resources, services and Departments.

Visit the [Montgomery County Business Portal](#) for valuable business information, a listing of training & workshops and contact information for the Montgomery County Business Solutions Group which includes the small business navigator and business liaison officers available to assist local businesses.

One-on-One Business Counseling with Maryland Women's Business Center

Monday, August 5, 2019

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Germantown Public Library

19840 Century Blvd., Room 4

Germantown, MD 20874

Meet individually with a Senior Business Counselor from the Maryland Women's Business Center.

By appointment only.

<https://marylandwbc.org/>

Six Big Legal Mistakes Entrepreneurs Make and How to Avoid Them

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

10 a.m. to noon

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Rd., Room B

Germantown, MD 20874

One-on-One Business Counseling with Latino Economic Development Center

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Rd., Room 1

Germantown, MD 20874

Contact mgodoy@ledcmetro.org to schedule an appointment.

Orientación básica para negocios Ofrecida por el Centro de Negocios para la Muje – Montgomery County

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Rd., Room B

Germantown, MD 20878

One-on-One Business Counseling with the Small Business Development Center

Wednesday, August 7, 1 – 4pm

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Rd., Room 1

Germantown, MD 20874

One-on-one appointment with experienced business consultant.

[Schedule an appointment](#)

Montgomery County Recreation is Hiring

Montgomery County Recreation is hosting two job fairs in August to hire part-time seasonal employees for jobs at the new Wheaton Community Recreation Center, which is opening in September.

The job fairs will be held at the Recreation Administrative Office, located at 4010 Randolph Road in Silver Spring. The job fairs are scheduled at the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, August 7, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday, August 10, from 10:00am – 3:00pm

Interested applicants should bring their resumes and be prepared to discuss their experience and availability.

Available positions include evening and weekend hours and responsibilities include front desk, customer service and youth programming. Part-time/seasonal pay is competitive at \$13 an hour and increases based on experience. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Preferred applicants will have a minimum of three years of work experience. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.

As a condition of employment, all applicants will be required to successfully pass a criminal background investigation. This investigation will include a state, federal and sex offender background check.

For more information, call Montgomery County Recreation at 240-777-4980.



Take the 4Business Climate Survey *Online Now – September 30*

Montgomery County officials are asking local business owners to take the [4Business Climate Survey](#), as part of the [Benchmarking to Be the Best for Business](#) initiative. The survey features 55 questions to gather more information about the County's business environment. Read the [news release](#).

- [Take the survey](#)



The Universities at Shady Grove Offer Employer Toolkit

Employer Engagement Beyond the Traditional Internship

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) offers a variety of models that are "designed with the tools and best practices that businesses need to easily engage students; providing students with the experience to make them career-ready and building a pipeline of future employees."

For details, visit <https://shadygrove.umd.edu/student-services/CISC/Employers/Employer-toolkit>

Property Tax Credit Expanded for Surviving Spouses of Retired Military Services Members

The deadline to apply for the property tax credit is October 1, 2019.

On Tuesday, July 30, the Council unanimously voted to enact Expedited Bill 21-19, Property Tax Credit - Elderly Individuals and Retired Military Services Member - Surviving Spouse, which would expand the property tax credit for surviving spouses of retired military services members. Under Bill 21-19, a surviving spouse would be eligible for the credit if:

- the individual is a surviving spouse of a retired member of the uniformed services, the military reserves, or the national guard;
- the surviving spouse is at least 65 years old; and
- the surviving spouse has not remarried.

Once the expedited bill is signed into law, it will be effective from July 1, 2019 and eligible individuals can apply at the Department of Finance's website. The deadline to apply for the property tax credit is October 1, 2019.

To access the application and for more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SurvivingSpousesTaxCredit>.

The Council staff report for Expedited Bill 21-19 can be viewed [here](#).

County Offers Mini-Grants for Food Security Organizations

Applications due by 5:00pm on September 3

A pre-application technical assistance conference will be held on Wednesday, August 14th at 10:30am at 401 Hungerford Drive in Rockville.

Community organizations involved with food security issues are urged to apply for mini grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 to improve capacity and infrastructure of the local food system and all aspects of food security or to support inventive and collaborative approaches to reducing food insecurity. Tax-exempt organizations applying for the mini grants can use the funding to improve direct service or assistance to vulnerable populations. Prior year grants enabled organizations to provide meal preparation, improve transportation, distribution and/or delivery, or expand storage systems through purchases of goods and services such as trucks, freezers, and to build capacity conducting staff development, hiring additional staff, engaging professional consultants or partnering and sharing resources with other organizations. The funding may also be used for projects involved in the recovery of food that is good to eat but otherwise would be wasted. The County's vision for food security is a community where all residents have access to safe, sufficient, nutritious food.

Funding for the grant program is included in the FY20 operating budget for the County's Department of Health and Human Services. Organizations can apply independently or in collaboration with other groups. This mini-grants program will amplify efforts underway by Community Food Rescue (CFR), a program of Manna Food Center, who will be distributing the grants.

The application portal opens August 1. Information and an online application are available at <https://bit.ly/2mZl76e>. Questions can be directed to Diana Tato-Niktash at 240-777-3404 or by email to diana.tato-niktash@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs